

THE CONTROL OF OYSTER BEDS

Matter Considered in the House Yesterday

Money Voted for Marine Department—Hon. Mr. Templeman's Knowledge of Strange Department Surprising

OTTAWA, April 5.—The commonsense spent the day talking about fish and voting money for the marine department. Hon. William Templeman, acting minister, surprised the house by the ability with which he handled the estimates of a strange department.

W. MacPherson (Vancouver) urged on the government the desirability of encouraging as far as possible the shipbuilding industry on the Pacific coast. Mr. Foster said it was a significant fact that J. J. Hill had apparently thought that he was not justified in replacing the very fine steamer which had been burned because of close competition of their allies and friends, the Japanese. He thought the government might be disposed to go a considerable distance in the direction to consider the shipbuilding facilities on the Pacific coast.

A. A. McLean (Queens, P. E. I.) on the vote of \$7,000 for oyster culture declared that owing to the conflict of jurisdiction between the Dominion and provincial governments oyster beds were being depleted and federal money wasted.

Mr. Templeman said the question of dual jurisdiction was a large one, which would have to be taken up at some later date.

Mr. Fielding said the provinces were disposed to regard oyster fisheries as of financial value and to think that the Dominion should pay for the privilege of acquiring them. The government recognized that these fisheries would entail outlays instead of proving a source of revenue, but in the public interest they thought it most desirable that the Dominion should acquire them. He thought, however, that the provinces were not disposed to give up their fisheries without a consideration. These difficulties created complications which were very unfortunate, but the government were hopeful that a better understanding would be arrived at.

The vote was passed.

UP RIVER MILLS ARE GETTING READY FOR WORK

GIBSON, N. B., April 5.—The Babbitt mill started sawing this morning for the season. About twenty-five hands are employed. The prospects for a good season's cut are of the brightest. The York and Sunbury Company mills will start shortly. The Marysville mills are being gotten into shape for starting as soon as the ice runs out of the Nashwaak. A crew of men have been working at the mills the past few days fixing up. By next week everything will be in readiness. The ice in both the main river and the Nashwaak is getting very weak. Today's rain has made a great impression on it and croaking is done. The highway bridge has been open for some days and is being used altogether.

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WHOLE CHINESE DISTRICT WIPED OUT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Five Hundred Chinamen Were Rendered Homeless and Many Narrowly Escaped With Their Lives.

VANCOUVER, April 5.—The Chinese district of Stevenson, the seat of the Fraser River cannery industry, was totally destroyed by fire this morning and five hundred Chinamen rendered homeless. The fire started from the river bank at three o'clock and owing to a high westerly gale the whole of the Chinese section was burned to ashes. Incipient fires broke out all over the town and for a time it seemed that Stevenson would be completely wiped out.

The proprietor of the Star Hotel one hundred yards distant offered to sell his interests in the building for a ten dollar bill and could not find a buyer, yet the hotel escaped practically undamaged. The appliances for coping with the outbreak were the most primitive description but everybody turned out to fight the fire which was confined to the district where it originated. Thousands of dollars worth of buildings, stores and personal effects were destroyed and many inhabitants barely escaped with their lives.

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SLASHED HIS THROAT WITH A RAZOR.

Charles Minus, an Englishman, who came to this country last June on the S.S. Pomeranian and who was brought here yesterday from Vancouver in charge of a guard, to be deported, attempted to commit suicide yesterday afternoon. He cut his throat with a razor, but was not seriously injured upon himself. He was removed by George McGarrigle, a checker for the Donaldson Line, who was assisted by an immigrant. The man arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and when brought to the Immigration building, complained of being cold and wet. He was taken into the fire room to get warm. He remained quiet for some time. There were about five persons in the room at first, but they left one by one, a guard being left to look after him. He went out to purchase a paper. As soon as the last man had gone, the man pulled a razor from his pocket and cut his throat. Mr. McGarrigle, who happened by at the time, and an immigrant, jumped for the man, making him lay aside the razor. Blood was flowing from his wound and Dr. Kenney was summoned. He bandaged the injured man, who was then taken to a room in the Immigration building and searched. Another razor was found in one of his pockets. He was placed in a room and a guard was stationed nearby to prevent any further attempts at suicide. The man is being deported because of a suicidal mania.

FORMER MONCTON MAN HAS FAILED

BOSTON, April 5.—Dr. Charles W. Bradley, of Moncton, N. B., has filed voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court. The liabilities are \$3,376 of which \$106 is secured. He has 22 unsecured creditors the principal of whom is Henry A. Calhoun, of Rousesay, N. B. for \$1,000. Bradley's assets are \$1,430.

MARRIED IN MONTREAL

ST. STEPHEN, April 5.—Announcement has been made of the marriage by Rev. T. A. Halfpenny, in Sherbrooke Methodist church in Montreal, March 27th, of Don Skiffington Grimmer, only son of W. C. H. Grimmer, X. C. M. P. J. and Miss Myrtle Ryan, only daughter of E. J. Ryan, of Gananoque, P. Q.

FREDERICTON SEWAGE BILL DEFEATED IN LEGISLATURE

House Stood Sixteen to Sixteen and Speaker Cast the Deciding Vote—Thought Premier's Offer to City was Fair and Should be Accepted—Fredericton People Greatly Disappointed.

FREDERICTON, April 5.—Fredericton is in a great state of excitement this evening. The defeat of the sewerage bill in the legislature this evening came not only as a surprise but a disappointment. The house was well filled when the vote was taken and interest was intense. When it was announced that the vote stood 16 to 16 and that the final decision rested with Speaker Osman, it was not known even then what the final result would be. The Speaker before voting addressed the house, and from the tone of his remarks it was clear that he was in favor of the city, and it added to the surprise of the many surprised that he should vote against the city. There were ten members paired and two absent. Mr. Clark, who had voted against the city and Mr. Clark and Mr. Smith, who were present when the vote was taken before, were absent.

The result of the legislature's decision tonight is a severe blow to Fredericton and it is the opinion of some that the sewerage bill placed in the ground during the past year at the expense of nearly \$100,000, will remain there without being operated. The establishment of septic tanks is not for a moment thought feasible as the additional expense would be too great and the people would not be asked to pay for any innovation.

After the house went into committee to consider the bill with respect to the Fredericton sewerage, Hon. Mr. Pugsley said:

When the bill was last before the committee I thought the solution of the difficulty might be found by the government contributing the sum of \$2,000, which would be about equal the sum which would be payable in taxes and on other government buildings in the city. The result of the debate tonight is to go towards the interest on the cost of purification work, and the matter stood over for consideration. I have since been waited on by the mayor and some of the aldermen and citizens and to my great regret they said they could not see their way clear to accept my proposal. They at the same time assured me that they regarded the offer as a generous one and under other circumstances would be pleased to accept, but owing to the difficulty of establishing tanks, etc., by reason of local conditions, and of operating the same, the amount suggested would not be sufficient to pay the interest on the cost. I had hoped that the liberal offer I had made them would be accepted by the citizens. Personally I had exhausted every resource open to me and I can do nothing further. I am opposed to the bill, and feel that it ought not to pass.

Hon. Mr. Hill, in comment with the rest of the house, received the news that the city would not accept the proposal of the premier with surprise. I have been informed that the sum would not exceed \$35,000, and the sum offered by the premier would pay the cost of the sewerage system on a larger sum than that. In taking the course they have I am doubtful whether it is to the advantage of Fredericton. The bill at any rate it will be of considerable advantage to Sunbury. If the sewage was allowed to run into the river the inhabitants of Sunbury will be compelled to give up drinking the water. The present state of the water is mainly responsible for the typhoid epidemic of the past, and these epidemics are not caused by Fredericton sewage. If it is desired to prevent recurrence of these epidemics you must take steps to prevent the towns higher up the river, both in this province and in the state of Maine, from using the sewage of Sunbury Co. The best thing that could happen will be to turn the sewage into the river.

SPLENDID FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF DOMINION FOR LAST FISCAL YEAR

OTTAWA, April 5.—A decrease of \$14,448,336 in the public debt of Canada, an increase of \$7,783,335 in ordinary revenue, and an increase of only \$33,333 in ordinary expenditure and of \$1,391,712 in total expenditure are the outstanding features of the splendid financial statement of the Dominion for the fiscal period ended March 31. The revenue for the last fiscal year in respect to the financial statement of the country is in every respect the best ever issued by the finance department. Since confederation there have been only five years in which the year's statement has been able to show a decrease on the net public debt. Three of these years have been under the present government and the total decrease was \$13,968,285, or less than the reduction achieved in the past nine months. The total net debt at the end of last month was \$233,578,341, a reduction during the month of \$2,565,112. The total revenue on account of consolidated fund was \$45,454,457 and the expenditure was \$45,858,738. The increase in revenue for March as compared with the same month of last year was \$27,758. The expenditure on capital account for the year was \$10,385,690, as compared with \$11,416,237 for the corresponding period 1905-6. The revenue increases included \$58,110 from customs, \$1,242,583 from the sale of public lands, \$1,000,000 from the sale of public works, including railways. The revenue increases included \$58,110 from customs, \$1,242,583 from the sale of public lands, \$1,000,000 from the sale of public works, including railways.

PILOT DIED AT THE WHEEL; STEAMER NEARLY MET DISASTER

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 5.—With the spokes of the pilot wheel clutched in a death grip and a hand extending towards the bell-rope, Geo. W. Couant, of the packet Lorena, near East Liverpool, Ohio, today, without a guiding hand the big packet, filled with passengers, who were peacefully sleeping, wandered hither and thither through the dense fog and was running at high speed into a rock-strewn pool, when Captain John Richardson stopped the craft from running to destruction. Faithful to the last dying breath, Couant exhausted his last bit of strength trying vainly to reach the signal-rope, a pull of which would have stopped the boat. His hand was within a few inches of the cord when death overtook him. The prompt action of Capt. Richardson was all that saved the vessel. Had he remained outside the pilot house a few minutes longer, the boat would have been stove in by the treacherous rocks hidden just underneath the surface in the dangerous channel.

ORDER IN-COUNCIL RESCINDED.

OTTAWA, April 5.—The order-in-council prohibiting fishing until the end of 1908 in the Mingan Channel, Mingan Bay, and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, has been rescinded.

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BILL IN SENATE TO AMEND THE CIVIL SERVICE ACT

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SPRINGHILL MINERS ARE LIABLE TO PENALTY FOR GOING ON STRIKE

They Claim However That There Has Been No Strike—Trouble Will Soon be Over.

SPRINGHILL, April 5.—The labor dispute amongst the men in Springhill rapidly nearing an end. Pioneer lodge enrolled the last non-union man this afternoon, and Mechanic lodge have all but three. These three claim to be opposed to unionism in principle. It is expected that they will waive their feeling tomorrow and thus close up the ranks. Pioneer lodge received a telegram from Deputy Minister of Labor McKenzie King last evening that the labor act applied to Nova Scotia, and asking the lodge to appoint an arbitrator, as the company had named their man. The lodge sent a telegram in reply that they had no dispute with the company to arbitrate with the act and the trouble will be settled by Sunday. Today the company notified the lodge that they had appealed to the labor department and had named Mr. Baker of Sydney as their arbitrator. The lodge decided not to appoint a man, as the trouble would be over before the board could act. The men claimed that they had no notice of the act being applicable to Nova Scotia, and that they had been informed to the contrary by Messrs Logan and Pige two weeks ago. They are perfectly satisfied with the act and will be content to abide by its provisions in the future. It is not known here whether the company will ask to have the penalty enforced or not.

NORTHERN ONTARIO PEOPLE THINKING OF JOINING MANITOBA.

TORONTO, Ont., April 5.—Several north Ontario members of the legislature seem to regard seriously reports that the people of the north would like to join Manitoba. Speeches were made and resolutions passed in favor of forming a new province in that part of the country. The people of the north seem to have assumed serious proportions they nevertheless take the ground that it is for the benefit of the people of the north and to give to their needs greater consideration and more cordial support. Members from up there say the feeling is strong in favor of joining Manitoba.

REV. DR. MORRISON GETS D. D. DEGREE

The degree of Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) was conferred on Rev. John Archibald Morrison, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Chicago, at the recent convention of the Presbyterian College of Montreal. Dr. Morrison was formerly pastor of St. David's church of this city, and is a graduate of the institution which honored him. He was present to receive the degree. The Montreal Witness in its article on the convention proceedings referred to him as follows: "The Rev. Dr. Morrison is a man of the highest caliber, and has a most impressive delivery and command of language, was listened to with rapt attention. He advised the graduates to be godly, for 'men must lean on ministers to reach Christ.' He ministered had many phases to face as how to deal with intellectual doubt, how to get men to church, or to tell them of the place of Christ in modern theology, or to tell them of the relation of the church to the great modern city, how to bring the great organization of modern ecclesiastical machinery into close and useful contact with the organized societies of men by which this age is prominently known and characterized. These and other subjects demanded to be heard. The speaker proceeded to deal with the characteristics needed by a minister, but more of all he urged them to be godly, kindly, manly and pitiful. To bring the Holy Spirit of God into contact with humanity there must be contact with this spiritual fervor. So be godly. The time has been when the influence of the church has been more round and sacrificial authority that upon character. Now it is all changed. The standard required by a holy minister involves poverty. The grandest instrument on earth is the human soul, and if spiritually tuned will give forth the sublimest harmony earth has ever known."

VAUDEVILLE.

Next Week's Bill of Fare a Very Promising One.

What is practically one of the best collections of vaudeville talent yet brought to the city is to be seen at the local variety house this week, and it is expected that at today's matinee the theatre will be taxed to its utmost capacity. In view of the success of this week's business the management have arranged to offer a bill somewhat on the same line for next week, which will embrace the highest standard of excellence in vaudeville, including a first class travesty sketch by Earle and Bartlett; the one and only Mardo, the famous clown juggler; Boston's premier dramatic bartone, Thomas E. Clifford; Walsh and Thorne in a hilarious comedy, entitled "Our Country Neighbors"; a real treat in musical comedy by Dale and Delmont; Valding and Davis, the acknowledged kings of the double trapeze and cabinet poising; all the latest illustrated songs of the day and an entirely new series of animated pictures on the bioscope, making one of the best and most expensive vaudeville programmes yet submitted to local patrons.

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SPLENDID SUMMER HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE

GANANOQUE, Ont., April 5.—This morning fire was noticed in the second flat of Gananoque Inn, owned by A. Arch. When the firemen arrived the fire had gained considerable headway in the main wing of the building. The main walls of the building fell in. The firemen fought hard to save the north wing. The Inn was one of the finest summer hotels in Canada and last season was full of guests. The hotel property and furniture was valued at \$30,000 and is almost a total loss which is partly covered by insurance. Several inmates had narrow escapes.

THE ISLAND OF JERSEY.

There was a time when a reverend bishop always walked from France to Jersey on a plank. This custom was abandoned when the French government, and one could imagine the crowd that would assemble to witness such a feat. In reality it was an event of a century. Extant documents relative to the monastery of Mont St. Helme in Normandy, reveal the fact that the island was separated from the French district of Coutances by a narrow stream only and that the stream was bridged by a single plank. The inhabitants of Jersey were compelled to keep this plank in good repair, for it was used by the bishop of the diocese when he made his periodical visits to that portion of his flock, and the crossing in safety. In the year 709 and again in the year 824, there were seismic disturbances, called by ancient writers "tatastaphes," which submerged the island and forests on the French coast, thus widening the stretch of water and making the separation of Jersey more complete—London Standard.

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